

Vision Mission Goal

Vision:

To create and expand affordable, safe, permanent and quality housing options in local communities for people with mental illness in Tennessee.

Mission:

To assertively partner with local communities to educate, inform, and expand quality, safe, affordable and permanent housing options for people with mental illness.

Goal:

To create 2005 new and improved permanent housing options for Tennesseans with a mental illness by the year 2005.

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Current Housing Situation for Persons With Mental Illness

Persons with mental illness receiving SSI benefits, \$512 average monthly income, are among the lowest income households in the country.

The cost of a one-bedroom apartment is 80% of SSI monthly income in Tennessee.

There is not a single housing market in the U.S. where a person on SSI can afford to rent a modest efficiency apartment.

Despite a period of robust economic expansion the affordable housing stock continues to shrink.

For every 100 households at or below 30% of median income, there were only 36 units both affordable and available for rent.

1 in 5 persons in our criminal justice system is diagnosed with a mental illness.

As of February, 2001, estimates state that over 180 persons in our Regional Mental Health Institutes could have been discharged if appropriate housing with the proper support services existed.

We Need You:

- Mental Health Professionals
- Bankers
- Real Estate Professionals
- Architects
- Builders
- City Planners
- Private Foundations
- Public Housing Experts
- Attorneys
- Legislators
- Advocates
- Volunteers
- Others

Resources and Expertise are needed to expand affordable, permanent, quality housing opportunities for persons with mental illness.

Please Join:

CHI Chattanooga
CHI Jackson
CHI Memphis
CHI Nashville

Your Help is Vital

for Successful Home Ownership:

- Leadership and Dedication
- Knowledge of Housing System and Resources
- Knowledge of affordable loan products
- Assistance with costs associated with buying and maintaining a home
- Housing Counseling

for Successful Rental Programs:

- Partnerships with Public Housing Authority
- Knowledge of Rental Assistance Resources
- Reasonable Accommodations
- Housing Search and Housing Stabilization
- Bridge Subsidies

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